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1. The 40 Soviet tanks previously reported, and which are still at the Zeitz barracks, are of the Stalin III type.
2. The main gun of these tanks is of about 120 mm caliber. It is about 4 meters long, and is provided with muzzle brakes.
3. There has been no opportunity to observe the searchlight uncovered. The tanks have not left the barracks grounds. The searchlight is mounted on a swivel joint and the feed line apparently runs through the joint into the tank. No feed line is observable from the outside.
4. The covering of the tanks is a cement-like appearing substance, but apparently is made of some kind of woven fiber (possibly asbestos). The thickness of the coating was estimated as not more than 2 cm thick.

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